

STATEMENT OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND (R-SC) AT SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON NOMINATION OF GENERAL VERNON A. WALTERS AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CIA.

General Walters, we are pleased to have you here today. You have a fine record and outstanding talents. I believe that your nomination to this post is appropriate recognition for the services which you have rendered to your country in the past, and it is my judgment that you are well qualified to render even greater service in your new capacity.

Mr. Chairman, the New York Times, on December 30, 1971, ran a fine article about General Walters, entitled "General May Get No. 2 Post in C.I.A.," and I ask unanimous consent that it be made a part of the Committee record.

Now I have a few questions.

~~1. General Walters, we have the record of your regular career in military intelligence before us, but I understand that, at times, your talents have caused several of our U.S. Presidents to call upon you for special assignments. Can you tell us about some of this special work?~~

~~2. General Walters, your career has given you a working relationship with various types of world leaders. How will this experience be of value to you in your new post?~~

3. General Walters, I think that many of us are concerned to see that our foreign intelligence-gathering program relies on a proper balance of factors, such as military data, economic data, political data, and so forth. Your career so far has been in Defense Intelligence. What differences in approach and function do you see between DIA and CIA?

4. What do you understand to be the new responsibilities in the post of Deputy Director as a result of the intelligence reorganization of last November?

5. How do you evaluate the role of intelligence-gathering in the complex effort of today's international decision-making?

6. Do you have any suggestions as to how our over-all intelligence-gathering effort can be improved?

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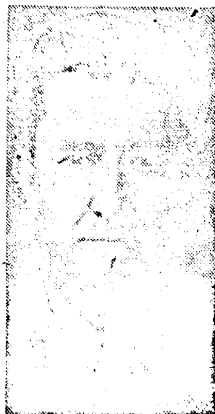
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NEW C.I.A. DEPUTY? Maj. Gen. Vernon A. Walters is reportedly being considered for the post of deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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mats to the approximately 1,000 United States personnel — military as well as aid, intel-
ligence and other civilians — in the CORDS program. Its policy of making duty in the pacification program mandatory for junior officers split the Foreign Service until it was scrapped last August. Now as the United States presence in Vietnam is reduced, only vol-
unteers who have previously served in at least one other diplomatic post are being sent.

"A few Foreign Service offi-
cers have resigned as a result

Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 — President Nixon is reported to be considering the appointment of an Army major general, Vernon A. Walters, to be the next deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

General Walters, who is now defense attaché at the Embassy in Paris, would succeed Lieut. Gen. Robert E. Cushman Jr. of the Marine Corps, according to officials here. General Cushman has been named by President Nixon to be next commandant of the Marine Corps and is scheduled to take command Friday.

Spokesmen for the White House, State Department and the C.I.A. declined comment on the report concerning General Walters. Nonetheless, reliable informants said that the general, who has had extensive experience as an interpreter with

of disagreement with the Viet-
nam war, but "they are definitely the exception and in each known case they have been very junior officers."

The article maintains that, despite the difficulties in recruiting Foreign Service personnel for Vietnam, "the majority enjoy the experience once they go."

Living conditions often are pleasant and, the article says, they find "the country and especially the women fascinating."

When these officers are assigned elsewhere, it states, "the return to a more traditional Foreign Service assignment is often a letdown."

both President Eisenhower and with President Nixon, was in line to be second-ranking official at the agency.

President Nixon's reorganization of the United States Government agencies involved in foreign intelligence, announced Nov. 5, provided an "enhanced leadership role" for Richard Helms, Director of Central Intelligence. At the time, intelligence sources said that Mr. Helms would concentrate evaluating foreign intelligence for the President and on budget and management problems of the intelligence "community" as a whole.

Day-to-Day Control

The Deputy Director, they said, would take over more of the day-to-day operations of the C.I.A., including control of clandestine collection of intelligence through secret agents and such electronic techniques as spy satellites and code-cracking.

Informants here noted that General Walters had served as Mr. Nixon's interpreter during the recent meeting with President Pompidou of France in the Azores. General Walters also served as interpreter for President Nixon early this month during the visit of President Emilio G. Médici of Brazil.

General Walters, whose nickname is Dick, is widely known for his extraordinary linguistic gifts. He is fluent in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch and Russian. He also speaks some Arabic and Greek. Languages are his hobby.

He was born in New York March 3, 1917, and grew up in Europe, where his father, an

American businessman, lived. He attended French schools, and was graduated from Stonyhurst College in England. He enlisted in the Army on May 2, 1941.

During World War II he was commissioned and assigned as a liaison officer with the Brazilian forces fighting in the United States Fifth Army in Italy under Gen. Mark W. Clark. His language abilities brought him to General Clark's attention and ultimately to the attention of Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, Fifth Army chief of staff.

As defense attaché in Paris and previously in Rio de Janeiro, General Walters is a senior officer of the Defense Department's Intelligence Agency in both rank and experience. He also has a 20-year knowledge of North Atlantic Treaty Organization problems.

Under the National Security Act of 1947, which created the C.I.A., the positions of director and deputy director cannot be held simultaneously by military officers on active duty.

Richard Helms, who was named Director of Central Intelligence in 1966, is the first career civilian intelligence officer to have risen to the nation's top intelligence position. The tradition, however, is to name a military deputy when the director is a civilian — and vice versa.

Bermuda Gets Black Leader

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 29 (AP)—Sir Edward Richards, a black man, was sworn in today as Government leader, succeeding Sir Henry Tucker, who resigned for reasons of age.



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General Walters appeared today before an open session attended only by Stennis, Smith and Goldwater. Everything went smoothly and no controversial questions were raised. However, Thurmond and Hughes, who were not present, submitted the attached additional questions for the record with the request that written answers be furnished. Presumably General Walters will want to consult you regarding them.

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